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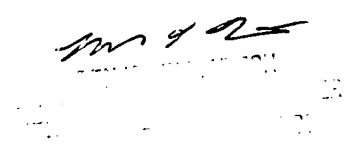
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1. The information disclosure statement (IDS) submitted on December 22, 2004 was filed after the mailing date of the Notice of Allowance on August 2004. The submission is in compliance with the provisions of 37 CFR 1.97. Accordingly, the information disclosure statement is being considered by the examiner.
2. The recently submitted IDS does not effect the patentability of the claims 23-41. The Notice of Reason for Rejection (NRR) from a foreign office has also been considered. However, the claims 1-15 being examined therein had been cancelled during the prosecution of this application. The NRR does not applicable to the new claims 23-41.
3. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Thu Khanh T. Nguyen whose telephone number is 571-272-1136. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday- Friday, 6:30-4:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Benjamin L. Utech can be reached on 571-272-1137. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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